(b) if so, the bases where this cleaning is proposed to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Cleaning the environment around all Indian Air Force airfields in order to reduce the aircraft accidents on account of bird hits is a continuous process.

Showcasing of helicopters by HAL

2393. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL made history for Indians by displaying a new generation desi-aircraft for the first time on western soil at the Paris Air Show in June this year;

(b) whether the multi-role all weather and terrain Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv won the hearts of many customers with its very attractive price tag $ 5.5 million; and

(c) if so, what are the marketing proposals of this new helicopter in the export market?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Preliminary discussions have been held by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) with some potential customers. However, no exports of the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv have yet taken place.

Function halls in Secunderabad Cantonment

2394. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many function halls are there in the Secunderabad cantonment area on lease;

(b) how much land each one of them has occupied; and

(c) how much land has been given to other persons on lease for running hotels etc. in the cantonment areas?